

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois	:	
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Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the Illinois Public Utilities Act, and an Order pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Public Utilities Act, to Construct, Operate and Maintain a New High Voltage Electric Service Line and Related Facilities in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Edgar, Fulton, Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott and Shelby, Illinois.	:	12-0598

CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN

On November 7, 2012, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois ("ATXI") filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") a petition seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to Section 8-406.1 of the Public Utilities Act ("Act"), 220 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq., and an order pursuant to Section 8-503 of the Act to construct, operate, and maintain a new 345 kilovolt transmission line and related facilities in areas of Illinois. In accordance with Section 10-101.1 of the Act and 83 Illinois Administrative Code 200, "Rules of Practice" ("Part 200"), the Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) hereby establish the following Case Management Plan:

I. Form of Pleadings

Recognizing that the electronic filing of documents promotes efficiency in practice, parties are authorized to electronically file pleadings and supporting documents. Service of paper copies of pleadings, formal filings, or prepared testimony is not required and is, in fact, generally discouraged. Filed documents shall be served electronically on parties in accordance with Section 200.1050 of Part 200. Unless otherwise specified, service must be received electronically no later than the date of the filing deadline at the same time the documents are filed on e-Docket or as soon as practicable thereafter. All items served via e-mail shall contain the docket number within the subject line. The ALJs must be served an electronic copy of all pleadings, prepared testimony, and briefs in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format.

II. Discovery Requests and Responses

A. General Provisions Regarding Data Requests

Upon issuance, each data request should identify the witness, exhibit, prior request, or schedule to which it is being directed, to the extent known. If containing subparts, the subparts within the data request should be specifically identified and numbered or otherwise labeled.

Notwithstanding Section 200.410 of Part 200, Staff and each party shall use best efforts to respond (i) within 14 calendar days to data requests issued before the date of filing of Staff and Intervenor direct testimony; (ii) within 7 calendar days to data requests issued before the date of filing of ATXI rebuttal testimony; and (iii) within 3 calendar days to data requests issued after the date of the filing of ATXI rebuttal testimony until the close of discovery. To the extent that a data request has a response date that falls on a weekend or Illinois state holiday when state agencies are closed, the response date shall be the first business day after said weekend or holiday, and the responding party shall use best efforts to transmit said response by 12 PM CST on said first business day. In the event that the recipient of a data request believes that additional time is necessary to respond to any particular request, the concerned parties shall attempt to negotiate a mutually agreeable alternative response time. Staff and each party shall, in good faith, attempt to respond to data requests as soon as responses are prepared. To facilitate an efficient discovery process, care should be taken to avoid duplicative data requests. In accordance with Section 200.350 of Part 200, parties must consult and make reasonable attempts to resolve differences in any discovery disputes before filing a motion to compel discovery or invoking Section 200.370 of Part 200.

Each data request response shall clearly identify the individual or individuals who prepared the response. The telephone number and job title of the individual(s) shall also be provided. In the event more than one person assists in the preparation of the response, each person shall be identified with a clear indication of what portion of the response he or she prepared. The individual(s) identified as having prepared the response shall be knowledgeable about the response and competent to respond to discovery and cross-examination questions regarding the response. All individuals who prepare data request responses shall be available to respond to inquiries regarding the response. At the request of Staff or any party to this proceeding made no later than 3 business days prior to the evidentiary hearing, any individual identified as having prepared any data request response shall be made available for cross-examination at the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding.

Signing or otherwise providing one's name as the individual(s) responding to a data request shall be construed to mean that the identified individual(s) prepared the response or directed that the response be prepared under his or her direction and control, has personal knowledge of the information stated in the response, and that the response is true, correct, and complete to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

B. Electronic Discovery

The discovery process is more efficient through the electronic exchange of information between and among parties to matters pending before the Commission. Accordingly, data requests shall be sent electronically in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format to all parties. Hardcopies of responses will be provided to the party that issues a data request if that party requests such a response when submitting the data request, attests to their inability to receive the data requests electronically, and agrees to a delay, of one to three days depending on the nature and extent of the request, in providing responses to accommodate the additional time required for mailing. ATXI data request responses will also be made available to Staff and all intervening parties on a private extranet network, securely accessible using a password provided by ATXI. Delivery of specific data request responses by ATXI will not otherwise be required, except upon request by the party that issues the data request, made in accordance with this Order. Responses to every data request, regardless of who made the data request, shall be served upon Commission Staff either electronically or by hardcopy, if so requested. Electronic documents provided in response to data requests shall be transmitted either in the native format of the document if the document was created in Microsoft Excel (.xls or .xlsx) or in searchable Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. Where material is available in Microsoft Excel format, the material shall be transmitted electronically in native format, unprotected, and with working formulae intact. Data requests and responses thereto shall not be filed or sent to the ALJs.

C. Protected Materials

When information or material provided has been identified as confidential, such information shall be made available to another party in accordance with the Terms Governing Protection of Confidential Information adopted for use in this proceeding on December 4, 2012 or any other relevant ruling issued in this proceeding.

III. Hearings

Witnesses who submit written testimony in this proceeding are expected to be made available in person for cross-examination at the evidentiary hearing. In preparation for hearing, each party shall be required to identify the witnesses they intend to cross-examine and provide the ALJs no later than March 15, 2013 an estimate of the amount of cross-examination time. Parties will be expected to conduct cross-examination within the estimated time frames, unless leave is granted by the ALJs to extend beyond that time.

IV. Schedule

The following schedule will be used in this proceeding (unless otherwise indicated, all deadlines are to be approximately 5:00 PM):

Activity	Date
ATXI Petition and Section 8-406.1 Requirements Filed	Nov. 7, 2012
Prehearing Conference	Dec. 3, 2012 (10:30 AM)
Staff and Intervenor Alternative Routes Identified	Dec. 31, 2012
Status Hearing	Jan. 17, 2013 (10:30 AM)
Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony	Feb. 11, 2013
Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal Testimony to Each Other	Feb. 25, 2013
ATXI Rebuttal Testimony	March 4, 2013
Written Pre-hearing Motions	March 8, 2013
Motion Hearing	March 14, 2013 (9:30 AM)
Evidentiary Hearings	March 19-22, 2013 (10:00 AM on March 19)
Simultaneous Initial Briefs	April 5, 2013
Simultaneous Reply Briefs	April 12, 2013
Optional Suggested Conclusions for use in the Proposed Order (Position Summaries Unneeded)	April 12, 2013
Proposed Order (tentative date)	May 3, 2013
Simultaneous Briefs on Exceptions (tentative date)	May 17, 2013
Last Scheduled Commission Meeting	June 18, 2013
Deadline for Commission action	June 20, 2013

Staff and any Intervenor identifying alternative routes on December 31, 2012 must provide names and addresses of affected landowners if such landowners are not already affected by either ATXI's primary or alternative route. The names and addresses must be same as those obtained from the records of the tax collector of the county in which the land is located.

Staff and any Intervenor identifying alternatives routes need not provide any testimony or explanation justifying the alternative route on December 31, 2012. Rather, the reasons for why the recommended alternative should be adopted should be filed on February 11, 2013.

If Staff or an Intervenor proposes an alternative route on December 31, 2012 and later decides to abandon that proposed alternative route, it is free to rescind its recommendation. But upon doing so, it may not propose another new alternative route affecting previously unidentified landowners.